



## ***Press Release***

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### ***SBA Kicks Off Patriot Express Loan Program***

#### ***New Veteran Loan Program to be Introduced at the Wounded Warrior Project in Jacksonville***

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – In honor of Veteran's Day, The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is formally introducing the Patriot Express Loan Program at a press conference to be held Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM at the Wounded Warrior Project in Jacksonville, 2070 A.C. Skinner Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32256. The SBA is proud to introduce the loan program as well as to highlight the Wounded Warrior Project, nationally headquartered in Jacksonville.

The Wounded Warrior Project is a non-profit organization that seeks to assist those men and women of our armed forces who have been severely injured during the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations around the world. Many of the injuries are traumatic: amputations, gunshot wounds, burns and blast injuries that will retire these brave warriors from military service.

SBA's **new** veteran initiative will also be introduced. The Patriot Express Loan program is open to veterans, service-disabled veterans, active-duty service members participating in the military's Transition Assistance Program, Reservists and National Guard members, current spouses of any of the above, and the widowed spouse of a service member or veteran who died during service or of a service-connected disability.

SBA Regional Administrator, Nuby Fowler will be participating in the announcement. Ms. Fowler was appointed by President Bush in 2002 and she oversees the delivery of SBA programs in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. This event will be attended by Veterans, lenders, small business owners and friends of the Wounded Warrior Project.

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